

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #77**

#### **Summer Announcement #70, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Closure**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The cumulative passage estimate of approximately 14,000 Chinook salmon at the Eagle sonar site through July 24 is well below the historical average of 26,700 for this date. Based on the assessment information to date, the Chinook salmon run is poor and the current projection is for a run size similar to that seen in 2012 when the border escapement objective was not met. Therefore, efforts to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement will continue, and subsistence fishing in all portions of Subdistrict-D will remain closed until further notice.

**Subdistrict 5-D** (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the U.S./Canada border including the Porcupine River and all other adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik, Circle, and Eagle):

Subsistence fishing is currently closed in all portions of Subdistrict 5-D and will remain closed until further notice.

The department will notify fishermen by July 30 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistrict 5-D.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

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